

Summer Reading List

The following titles are available at the Idaho Talking Book Service. To order any of these titles, contact the library at 800.458.3271. You may also request these titles online through our OPAC at: <http://webopac.klas.com/idbph>. Happy Reading!

Preschool to Grade 2

Where Are the Night Animals? by Mary Ann Fraser.
Read by Mitzi Friedlander. Reading time 12 minutes.
Describes the nighttime activities of various nocturnal animals including the opossum, brown bat, and tree frog. 1999.
[DB 59590](#).

Kindergarten to Grade 3

Abracadabra! Magic with Mouse and Mole by Wong Herbert Yee.
Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time 21 minutes.
Mouse and Mole arrive early for Minkus the Magnificent's magic show, but Mole is disappointed that Minkus only tricks the audience. Mouse presents a special show for her friend Mole to see the nighttime magic all around them. Four-chapter beginning reader. 2007. [DB 66482](#).

Amanda Pig and the Awful, Scary Monster by Jean Van Leeuwen.
Read by Terry Hayes Sales. Reading time 15 minutes.
Amanda Pig sees monsters at night, so her parents and brother, Oliver, keep reassuring her that there are no such things.
Beginning chapter reader. 2003. [DB 57241](#).

Mercy Watson Fights Crime by Kate DiCamillo.

Read by Anne Hancock. Reading time 21 minutes.

Mercy, a pig, loves buttered toast. One night her cravings lead her to the kitchen, where she finds a thief trying to steal the Watson's toaster. Beginning chapter book. 2006. [DB 64121](#).

Grades 2 to 4

The Moon by Elaine Landau.

Read by Erin Jones. Reading time 29 minutes.

Presents facts about the brightest object in the night sky--the Moon. Explains the phases of the lunar month, conditions on the Moon's surface, and the formation of the Moon. Answers questions about how astronauts survive in space and whether people could live on the Moon. 2008. [DB 67109](#).

What You Never Knew about Beds, Bedrooms, and Pajamas by Patricia Lauber.

Read by Michele Schaeffer. Reading time unknown.

Traces the history of sleeping habits from Stone Age nights around an open fire and Egyptian, Greek, and Roman "day beds" to group sleeping arrangements of the Middle Ages and the concept of private bedrooms. Discusses mattresses, blankets, and nightclothes through the ages. 2006. [DB 64613](#).

Grades 3 to 6

Don't Give Up the Ghost: The Delacorte Book of Original Ghost Stories by David Gale.

Read by Bob Askey. Reading time 4 hours 7 minutes.

A dozen ghost stories--ranging from horror to humor--by contemporary authors who offer a brief, first-person statement

about their lives and work. Includes "Things That Go Gleep in the Night" by Walter Dean Myers; "The Face in the Rafters" by Janet Taylor Lisle; and "The Sounds of the House" by Gary Soto.

[DB 39092](#).

The Dream Stealer by Sid Fleischman.

Read by Annie Wauters. Reading time 59 minutes.

Eight-year-old Susana, a plucky Mexican girl, tries to get her dream back from the chili-pepper-eating dream Stealer. He takes her to his castle, where countless dreams and even more adventures await. 2009. [DB 70105](#).

The Moon of the Owls: The Thirteen Moons by Jean Craighead George.

Read by Celeste Lawson. Reading time 30 minutes.

The great horned owl is a magnificent bird of prey. On a cold January night in the Catskill Mountains, an owl awakens under the full moon. He stares at the six square miles of property-- forest, fields, and swamp--that he claims to be his own. Suddenly, he feels an exciting need to be on the move. It is the stirring to mate during January, the moon of beginnings. [DB 38467](#).

The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz.

Read by J. Michael McCullough. Reading time 1 hour 53 minutes.

Flory, a tiny night fairy, loses her wings to a hungry bat when she is very young and lands in a human's garden. Unable to fly, Flory resides in a birdhouse, befriends a squirrel and a hummingbird, and adapts to daytime. Then the bat reveals a secret. 2010. [DB 71190](#).

Poppy by Avi.

Read by Kimberly Schraf. Reading time 3 hours 19 minutes.

The deer mice know they must ask Mr. Ocax the owl for permission before they wander far from their home. Poppy's father says it is because Mr. Ocax wants to protect them against porcupines, but

Poppy soon learns otherwise. While she and her boyfriend, Ragweed, are out for a forbidden night stroll, Mr. Ocax eats Ragweed. If Poppy cannot convince her father and the other mice of the danger, she must somehow protect them. [DB 42709](#).

Grades 4 to 7

The Arabian Nights by Neil Philip.

Read by Barbara Rappaport. Reading time 5 hours 3 minutes.

Once there was a king who married a new bride every night and had her beheaded the next morning. When Sheherazade marries this king, she tells him such wonderful stories that he spares her life each day to hear another. Fifteen of her tales are retold here.

[DB 47436](#).

Don't Go to Sleep! By R.L. Stine.

Read by Terence Aselford. Reading time 2 hours 7 minutes.

Twelve-year-old Matthew Amsterdam, a geek according to his older brother and sister, has the tiniest bedroom in their house, so there is hardly room for him, let alone his books. There is a bigger bedroom, but it is supposed to be the guest room. One night Matt decides to sleep there anyway, and when he wakes up, he is older than his brother and sister. [DB 45225](#).

The Halloween Tree by Ray Bradbury.

Read by June Carter. Reading time 3 hours 8 minutes.

On Halloween night, eight boys arrange to meet their friend, Pipkin, at the haunted house outside of town. Before the others reach him, though, Pipkin is grabbed by a dark Something.

[DB 44005](#).

Night of the Werewolf by Franklin W. Dixon.

Read by Roy Avers. Reading time 3 hours 39 minutes.

A ferocious wolf-like creature appears in a small town during the full moon, attacking livestock and terrorizing residents. The natural suspect, a young man with a history of werewolves in his family, hires the Hardy boys to clear his name. 1979. [DB 16722](#).

Grades 5 to 8

Darkness Creeping: Twenty Twisted Tales by Neal Shusterman.
Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time 6 hours 32 minutes.
A collection of scary, bizarre short stories--with some humorous touches. In "Monkeys Tonight," a twelve-year-old boy who taunts his eight-year-old sister about her nightmares of monkeys finds their shared bedroom invaded by apes. In "Growing Pains," a short boy's quickly growing best friend goes crazy. 2007. [DB 65794](#).

Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury.
Read by Gary Roan. Reading time 4 hours 9 minutes.
Hawaii, 1975. A Boy Scout campout on a remote beach goes terrifyingly wrong when an earthquake hits in the night. The boys and their leaders are separated during the resulting tsunami. But eighth-grader Dylan finds an unexpected ally as he and fifteen-year-old Louie rescue the group. 2007. [DB 65946](#).

One Thousand and One Arabian Nights by Geraldine McCaughrean.
Read by Michael Russotto. Reading time 8 hours 10 minutes.
In a desert kingdom King Shahryar, accustomed to killing a new bride every day, marries the storyteller Shahrazad. Each night she tells the king about Sinbad the Sailor or Ali Baba, and he postpones her execution to hear another tale the next evening. 1982.
[DB 61096](#).

The 10 P.M. Question by Kate De Goldi.
Read by Jack Fox. Reading time 7 hours 36 minutes.

New Zealand. Twelve-year-old Frankie, a nervous hypochondriac with a best friend and a large extended family, worries a lot. His mother answers his anxiety-ridden questions each night, but Sydney, a quirky new classmate at school, helps Frankie navigate the world. 2008. [DB 72853](#).

Grades 6 to 9

Alice on Her Way by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.

Read by Kerry Dukin. Reading time 6 hours 46 minutes.

While Alice is adjusting to her new stepmother and changes at home, she and her girlfriends manage an unchaperoned night out on a school trip to New York City. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2005. [DB 62502](#).

Days of Magic, Nights of War by Clive Barker.

Read by Erin Jones. Reading time 12 hours 48 minutes.

Candy Quackenbush's adventures in the Abarat continue. She makes a startling realization about who she is, while the forces of the Night begin plans for war. Sequel Some strong language. 2004. [DB 59340](#).

The Night Tourist by Katherine Marsh.

Read by Gabriella Cavallero. Reading time 4 hours 43 minutes.

A near-fatal accident enables ninth-grade classics student Jack Perdu to see dead people. On a trip to New York City, Jack encounters Euri, a lovely teenage ghost, in Grand Central station. She helps him navigate the underworld--where Jack hopes to find his deceased mother. Edgar Award. 2007. [DB 69048](#).

One Hundred and One Questions about Sleep and Dreams That Kept You Awake Nights--until Now by Faith Hickman Brynie.

Read by Kerry Dukin. Reading time 4 hours 53 minutes.

Explains the stages of sleep during a typical night, the twenty-four-hour cycle, and the negative effects of sleep loss. Examines dreaming, sleep disorders, animals' sleep habits, and the state of sleep science. Based on questions from students. 2006. [DB 71521](#).

The Secret Within by Theresa Martin Golding.

Read by Anne Hancock. Reading time 6 hours 23 minutes.

Thirteen-year-old Carly lives at the New Jersey shore where she dodges her abusive father by sneaking out at night to roam the boardwalk. When a stranger seeks to question her about mysterious packages she delivers for her father, Carly's neighbors suspect him of criminal activities and rally around to help her. 2002. [DB 57780](#).

Junior and Senior High

Central Park in the Dark: More Mysteries of Urban Wildlife by Marie Winn.

Read by Mark Ashby. Reading time 9 hours 46 minutes.

A journalist's account of nighttime natural-history explorations in the thirty-seven-acre wilderness area of New York City's Central Park. Chronicles eleven years spent observing nature, insects, and animals. Describes the park's creatures and the people watching them. 2008. Download Central Park in the Dark, [DB 69617](#).

Senior High

Beastly by Alex Flinn.

Read by Chris Patton. Reading time 6 hours 43 minutes.

New York City. A humiliated witch casts a spell on popular Kyle Kingsbury and transforms him into a beast. Banished from his

home, Kyle prowls at night, waiting for true love's kiss to break his curse. Some strong language. 2007. DB 71582.

Heaven Cent: Xanth by Piers Anthony.

Read by Bruce Huntley. Reading time 10 hours 23 minutes.

Xanth is a magic realm where bad dreams are directed by the Night Stallion and carried by Night mares, and where Gorgons stare at milk to make Gorgonzola cheese. Prince Dolph, age nine, bedeviled by his older sister, bossy fourteen-year-old Ivy, sets off on a quest to find the missing Good Magician Humfrey. Eleventh book of the Xanth series. DB 30213.

How I Spent My Last Night on Earth by Todd Strasser.

Read by Kimberly Schraf. Reading time 4 hours 12 minutes.

Senior Allegra ("Legs") arrives to find her high school in commotion: an announcement on the Internet says the earth will be struck by an asteroid tonight! As the excitement mounts, surfer Andros Bliss--the guy Legs fantasizes about--notices her. She decides to spend her last hours with him. DB 48068.

Marked by P.C. Cast.

Read by Mary Kane. Reading time 8 hours 54 minutes.

Zoey is struggling in high school when she is marked by a Tracker to become a vampire. Zoey's Grandma Redbird enrolls her in another school, the House of Night, where Zoey learns new rules and uncovers a sinister plot. Strong language. 2007. DB 68149.

Wake by Lisa McMann.

Read by Mary Kane. Reading time 3 hours, 57 minutes.

Whenever people fall asleep around her, seventeen-year-old Janie Hannagan is sucked into their dreams as an unwilling bystander. But after she slips into a violent dream alone in her car, Janie

realizes she needs to control her paranormal ability. Some violence and some strong language. 2008. Download Wake, DB 69614.